

Phone Home Leather Smartphone Case from Busy Girls Guide to Sewing

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- 1-2mm (1/8in)bookbinder's leather 50cm (20in) square (1)
- Basic Tool Kit (1)
- Craft felt, 50cm (20in) square (1)
- Embroidery threads (1)
- Leather sewing-machine needle (1)
- Metal ruler (1)
- Sharp large-eye needle (1)
- Small hand embroidery loop (padded with muslin to protect the leather) (1)
- Stiching awl (optional) (1)
- Tear-away stabilizer (such as Stitch & Tear) 30cm (12in) square (1)
- Tweezers (1)

SUMMARY

From the book *The Busy Girl's Guide To Sewing* by Carrie Maclennan

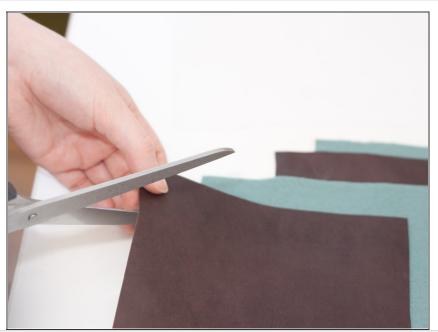
Get ready to show off your basic drawing skills, your hand stitching skills and your machine sewing skills.

Step 1 — Phone Home Leather Smartphone Case from Busy Girls Guide to Sewing



Measure your phone, then add
 5mm (1/8in) to both the length and width measurements to arrive at the dimensions you will need.

Step 2



 Cut your leather, felt and tear-away stabilizer into 20cm (8in) squares.
 Cut two of leather, two of felt and one of tear-away stabilizer. You might find it easier to cut your leather using a leather or craft knife and cutting mat.

Step 3



With a pencil, sketch a rectangle

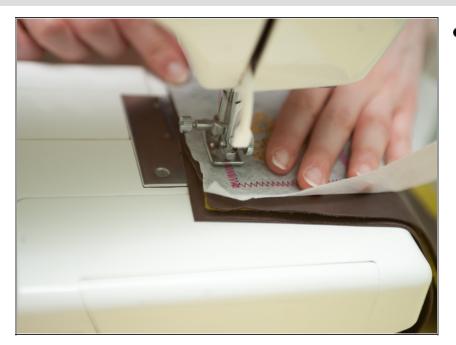
 (according to the dimensions
 calculated in step 1) onto the tear-away stabilizer. Add a simple line drawing of your desired motif into the rectangle, positioned just where you want it.

Step 4



 Layer one piece of felt on the bottom, one piece of leather in the middle and the tear-away stabilizer with your drawing on it on the top and secure the fabrics into your padded embroidery hoop.

Step 5



 Using a sharp large-eye needle and coloured embroidery thread, stitch over the outline of your drawing using a decorative running stich.
 Alternatively, stitch over your drawing outline using your desired decorative stitch on your sewing machine fitted with a leather needle.

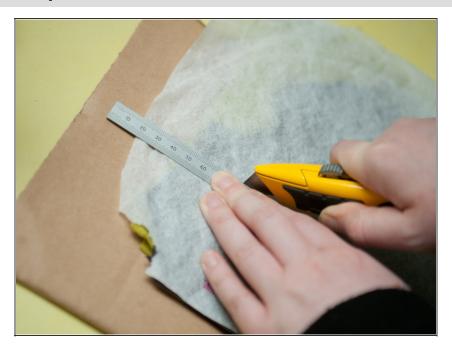
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 Once you have finished stitching your design, un-hoop your fabric and layer the stitched pieces together with the remainging pieces of felt and leather so that the leather is on the outside.

Step 7

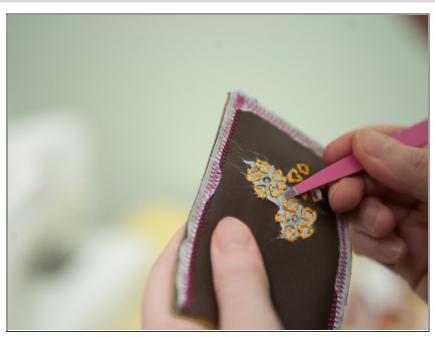
 Sew the pouch along the three edges of the rectangle you have drawn onto the tear-away stablizer leaving an opening at the top.

Step 8



 Place your pouch onto the cutting mat. With a leather knife or craft scalpel, trim the pouch along the edge of a metal ruler leaving 2mm (1/8in) at the bottom and on each side and 1cm (3/8in) at the top.
 Make sure not to cut through the stitches holding the pouch together.

Step 9



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 Finally, tear away the stabilizer to reveal your stitching on the leather.
 Use a pair of tweezers to remove any small pieces around the intricate parts of your embroidery.